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World Broiler Exports & Production

Outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) disrupted production and exports in 2003 and 2004 in Asia, Netherlands, Canada, and the U.S. Other factors (i.e. exchange rates, energy prices, and feed production) also influenced broiler meat production. In response, countries switched from producing uncooked to cooked products to reduce export losses. Brazil benefited and emerged the world leader in broiler meat exports in 2004 and 2005 forecasts surpassing the U.S.; however long-term growth in production and consumption will be determined by the Asian markets.

US

Broiler meat exports for 2004 are expected to fall as a result of higher prices, TRQ-related actions by Russia, stronger competition from Brazil, and import bans due to avian influenza (AI.) Export volumes from January to August of 2004 were up 31% to Middle Eastern countries, down 8% in Caribbean countries, down 83% in China, 50% lower in Hong Kong, and down 58% to Korea. Though 2005 expectations are projected 6% higher despite falling prices, production increases, and abundant stocks of frozen leg quarters. 2004 production expanded moderately despite weakening prices, yet 2005 forecasts are up 3% to 16 million tons.

Brazil

Broiler meat exports were up 22 percent to 1 million tons as volumes increased 65% to Japan, up 13% to Saudi Arabia, and up 259% to the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) from January to August of 2004. Exports in 2005 are projected 10% higher due to competitive pricing, market promotion efforts, favorable exchange rates, and AI-related import bans on major competitors. Some constraint was felt with Russia as Brazil was unable to obtain an individual quota allocation. Low feed costs, relatively low labor costs, and increasingly larger economies of scale have led to the lowest production costs for whole eviscerated chicken of any major supplier.

EU (25)

In 2005, production is projected to increase less than 1 percent to nearly 8 million tons, due to improved feed costs and recovery from AI. Production in Belgium and the Netherlands spent most of 2004 recovering from 2003's AI outbreaks, while French production decreased slightly as a result of higher production costs and lackluster export growth. Yet, German and Spanish production was stimulated by upward trends in demand. The bulk of EU's broiler meat exports went to Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, Russian, and Yemen in the first half of 2004.

Thailand

HPAI and health concerns caused expectations of broiler meat to fall as much as 52% for 2004. Exports in 2005 are not expected to recover to recent levels, though forecasts are set at 18% higher to 300,000 tons, due to shifts in production from fresh/chilled products to cooked/processed products prompted by import bans. It is unlikely the bans will be lifted in 2005 because of the severity of the HPAI outbreaks, its implications to food safety, and growing global biosecurity concerns. Production in 2005 is forecast to increase 3% to 950,000 tons.

China

Increased Japanese demand has prompted exports for 2005 to recover by 20% to 300,000 tons. Trade agreements between China and Japan allow for the export of cooked products to Japan, providing incentive for the installation of cooking facilities in plants. Exports in 2004 from January to August were 76,000 tons. China is currently seeking USDA approval to export cooked poultry to the U.S. Production in 2005 is forecast to increase 3% to nearly 10 million tons.

Canada

2005 broiler meat exports are forecast at 7% higher to 75,000 tons. Production fell 2% in the first seven months of 2004, due to outbreaks of HPAI in British Columbia. Exports fell 20% in the first eight months of 2004 as a result of import bans. Canada's major export markets include: U.S., South Africa, Russia, China, and Cuba.

Argentina

Argentina is projected to see record level broiler meat exports in 2005 at 90,000 tons because of increased profitability due to favorable exchange rates, new market opportunities, moderately good sanitation, heavy investments into plants and equipment, good feed grain crops in recent years, recovery from the 2002 economic crisis, and aggressive marketing efforts. 2004 exports have risen 51% from January to August. Major export markets include: China, Chile, Saudi Arabia, and South Africa with interest in Mexico, South Korea, and Japan. 2005 production is forecast at a record 990,000 tons.

Source: USDA FAS/News Wires

Broiler Production (1,000 MT)

Country	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004(p)	2005(f)
Argentina	870	870	640	750	900	990
Brazil	5,980	6,567	7,449	7,645	8,105	8,620
Canada	877	927	932	929	920	938
China	9,269	9,278	9,558	9,898	9,700	9,990
EU 1/	7,606	7,883	7,788	7,520	7,695	7,745
Others 2/	11,099	11,452	11,956	11,476	11,681	12,302
Thailand	1,070	1,230	1,275	1,340	920	950
Total Foreign	36,771	38,207	39,598	39,558	39,921	41,535
US	13,703	14,033	14,467	14,696	15,312	15,807
World Total	50,474	52,240	54,065	54,254	55,233	57,342

Broiler Exports (1,000 MT)

Country	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004(p)	2005(f)
Argentina	11	13	23	39	75	90
Brazil	870	1,226	1,577	1,903	2,255	2,480
Canada	54	69	84	76	70	75
China	464	489	438	388	250	300
EU 1/	849	764	877	793	805	775
Others 2/	82	88	106	113	112	118
Thailand	328	425	462	527	255	300
Total Foreign	2,658	3,074	3,567	3,839	3,822	4,138
US	2,231	2,520	2,180	2,232	1,976	2,087
World Total	4,889	5,594	5,747	6,071	5,798	6,225

Source: USDA FAS

Note: EU 1/ represents EU-25 member states. Others 2/ includes: Australia, Colombia, Egypt, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Romania, Saudi Arabia, & UAE.

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending November 20, 2004			Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	714	306	16,855	15,511
Frozen	0	0	36	96
Dried	51	40	735	511
Total	765	346	17,626	16,118

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending November 20, 2004			Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	50	31	7,337	4,983
Frozen	1	162	1,472	3,459
Dried	39	40	1,995	1,179
Total	90	233	10,804	9,621

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending November 20, 2004			Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	17	392	454
Extra Large	1,483	2,428	162,787	31,848
Large	2,517	4,942	331,161	127,035
Medium	2,227	1,580	114,322	57,506
Ungraded	5,220	2,784	313,444	175,562
Misc	0	0	16,790	14,222
Total	11,447	11,751	938,896	406,627

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).
Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 20-Nov-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
		THOUSANDS	
Head	1,380	1,501	2,881
Last Week	1,516	1,534	3,050
Same week yr ago	1,097	1,427	2,524
To-date/2004	63,169	62,970	126,139
To-date/2003	66,012	65,049	131,061

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
		THOUSANDS	
Head	249	8	257
Last Week	160	3	163
Same week yr ago	34	0	34
To-date/2004	11,068	137	11,205
To-date/2003	10,093	137	10,230

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
		THOUSANDS	
Head	1,629	1,509	3,138
Last Week	1,676	1,537	3,213
Same week yr ago	1,131	1,427	2,558
To-date/2004	74,237	63,107	137,344
To-date/2003	76,105	65,186	141,291

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Nov 26, 2004

CHICKEN —— PRICES (Cents per Pound) ———— VOLUME ——

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES (Cents per Pound) ———— VOLUME ——

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-16.00	11.00-18.00	1,784,000	804,800
WTD AVERAGE	15.04	13.10		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	15.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Nov 26, 2004

CHICKEN —— PRICES (Cents per Pound) ———— VOLUME ——

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES (Cents per Pound) ———— VOLUME ——

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.50	18.75-22.00	540,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	20.61		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-25.00	18.00-20.00	2,857,000	2,457,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.15	19.00		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.50	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 NOVEMBER 2004.

Market activity seasonally slow with industry personnel working holiday schedules. Trading extremely light for the mixed availability due to the shortened work schedules. Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts traded at 100, plant grade basted 14-16 lb. breasts 118 cents delivered domestic. For export: hen necks 17.25 cents shipping point, fresh tom drums 39 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2004

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00		37.00	52	36.52	252
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	20.00		20.00	144	20.00	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	21.00	160		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	82.00	52		

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2004
NO EXPORT TRADING REPORTED DUE TO THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2004

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	36.40	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	24.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	21.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	82.00	52

TUESDAY,NOVEMBER 23, 2004

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	35.00-39.00		36.40	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	24.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	21.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	82.00	52

MONDAY,NOVEMBER 22, 2004

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	39.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	24.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	21.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	82.00	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY
2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.